



## Reservoir Committee of Envision Arlington

Date: Tuesday, July 20, 2021.

### Notes –

1. **Present:** Johanna Meyer, George Stephans, Michael Ratner, Ann LeRoy, David White. Regrets: Stephan Miller.
2. Check-ins and **Observations** from around the Res – After all the recent rains the water level is high and continues to flow over the new spillway. After one storm there was some flooding in the Colonial Village parking lot and on the nearby bikeway. The beach was closed one day due to overland debris and bacteria from the flooding. The water chestnut growth is very thick in many areas and likely won't be harvested this summer as the new ramp has yet to be constructed. The Master Plan work is proceeding along the perimeter path areas.

The new path will be 8' wide and greatly improve accessibility. Invasive removal and new plantings will only be in selected areas so there likely be more for volunteers to do in the future. One area to consider is along the border with Lex Farm. Work is still underway on the accessible connecting path from Lowell Street. A new path has been graded from Drake Village but has blocked off the most direct route. We think some people will take the most direct route over the landscaped area and create an eroded dirt path as happened where the Res garden is located. It might be good to add steps there. We have communicated our concerns to Joe and Leslie. .

3. Review **previous meeting notes** - approved.
4. **Workday report** – We had three people for last Saturday's workday and did a bunch of weeding of the most aggressive plants to make room for others. Also moved things around and put in a few new plantings. Removed wooden sign pieces and set aside posts for later use.
5. **Garden report** and plans.

Hold off any major work until fall after the Master Plan work is done. Depending on weather may need to organize some watering. Clear tall grasses to make room for other things. (May be able to pass on some of the grasses to others.) The garden paths will need woodchips too.
6. **Master Plan Updates:**
  - a. See above – Still looking like a construction site.
7. **Outreach** – Johanna and David are meeting with some students on Jul 29. Need to think about how we might involve some affinity groups such as alumni ones. Probably best to have a specific project organized.
8. **Workdays** (Third Saturday)–
  - a. Aug 21, Sep 18
9. **Next meeting dates** (Third Tuesday) – Aug 17, Sep 21